



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **NISHIUCHI, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1742**

Serial No.: **09/977,363**

Examiner: **OLTMANS, Andrew L.**

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For. **RARE EARTH METAL-BASED PERMANENT MAGNET, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

January 12, 2004

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2003 for two months from November 11, 2003, to January 11, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$ 420.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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